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MINUTES OF COST ESTIMATES COMMITTEE MEETING

East Building Conference Room

30 July 1959

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the Chairman with the following present:

Mr. E. R. Saunders, Chairman
Capt. Charles M. Sugarman, Navy
Lt. Commander William A. Novak, Navy
Lt. Col. E. L. Loeliger, Air Force
Col. G. E. Perry, Joint Staff
Capt. T. C. Siegmund, Joint Staff
Lt. Col. R. C. Lewis, Army
Capt. Donald Hursh, Army
[redacted] NSA
Mr. Joseph T. Bartos, State
Mr. Andy Wallen, State
Mr. William A. Smith, Office of Secretary of Defense
[redacted] CIA

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2. Mr. Saunders opened the meeting by stating that the report, as prepared by the Ad Hoc Working Group, had been approved by the USIB at its meeting on 23 June 1959. Since the report included a recommendation for the establishment of a standing Cost Estimates Committee, the names of the Committeemen and their alternates were read for the information of those present. Mr. Reichardt of Atomic Energy Commission and Mr. Kuhrtz of Federal Bureau of Investigation were the only absentees, Mr. Reichardt having called and stated that he would be unable to attend because of another conflicting engagement.

3. The Chairman stated that it was the responsibility of the Cost Estimates Committee to obtain the information required for the annual

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report, analyze, evaluate and consolidate the information and transmit the report to the USIB with explanations and recommendations if required. The first item on the agenda was to establish a date for the material for the report to be submitted to the Committee. After discussion of several alternatives, it was decided to establish the deadline of 15 October 1959, for the Agencies to submit their estimates to the Committee. The date for completion of Committee consideration and presentation of the report for the entire Intelligence Community to the USIB was tentatively set for 15 November 1959.

25X1A 4. Mr. Saunders then discussed appointing a Sub-Committee to review Agency submissions and to work out the details of this report. The proposal was concurred in by the Committee. The Chairman then announced the appointment of [] as CIA's representative on this Sub-Committee. Representatives of the other agencies appointed the following: Andy Wallen, State; and Howard Barkey, Office of Secretary of Defense. [] 25X1A NSA, stated that his Agency should have a member representative on this Sub-Committee and would submit a name to the Chairman within several days. 25X1A The name of [] was subsequently received.

5. The Chairman read a memorandum from the Executive Secretary, USIB, dated 16 July 1959, requesting the Committee's contribution to be included in the USIB's "Annual Report to the NSC on the Status of the Foreign Intelligence Program". Mr. Saunders added that he had taken the liberty of preparing the report on behalf of the Committee. The report, dated

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21 July 1959, was read and approved. (NOTE: A copy of this memorandum has been transmitted to each member.)

6. Mr. Saunders said the Committee had been asked to reply to another memorandum from the Executive Secretary, USIB, dated 5 June 1959, on "Emergency Planning" prior to 1 October 1959. This memorandum asks that each Committee submit their plans for operating in time of emergency. It was unanimously agreed by all present that it would not be essential for this Committee to function under circumstances of a real emergency. The Chairman took the responsibility of replying and expressing the views of the Committee.

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7. Another memorandum transmitted by the Executive Secretary, USIB, dated 24 July 1959, from [] Chairman, USIB Security Committee, subject: "Coordination on Security Interests", was read for information. In essence the memorandum requested that the Chairman of the Security Committee be furnished with copies of any papers dealing with security issues which are under consideration by a Committee and that the Security Committee be kept advised of any possible compromises of security. (NOTE: A copy of this memorandum has been transmitted to each member.)

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8. [] stated that he would like it understood that NSA's estimates would be submitted as a separate Agency report and would not be included in the Army's report.

9. Since there was no other business to be brought before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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E. R. SAUNDERS
Chairman
Cost Estimates Committee

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